

# Deadline for corn stabilization is January 16



The collectors

Minor Bantam bottle collectors gather at the drop point after a two hour bottle drive for their hockey team. Gerry Borsa brings in the last caseload while teammates Dan Hall, Paul Hahn, Paul

and Pat Belanger, John Wright and Brad Copeland take a sip of hot chocolate. The drive was held in aid of paying the teams expenses during the season. Staff photo

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Corn producers in North Simcoe are reminded that January 16, 1978 is the deadline for enrolment in the Ontario Grain Corn Income Stabilization Program.

The program is voluntary and no enrolment fee will be collected at the time of registration. The plan is designed to stabilize the price of corn at between 90 and 95 per cent of the average market price over the past five years. The producer must provide proof of sales for all claims. This proof must include weight, moisture test and price. The maximum quantity that can be enrolled is 1000 tonnes. Partnerships with three partners can claim on 3000 tonnes. Complete details and enrolment forms are available at the Agricultural Office in Elmvale.

NSSCIA Annual  
The Annual Meeting of the North Simcoe Soil and

Crop Improvement Association was held last Thursday, December 8, 1977 at Midhurst. Approximately 60 members travelled through blowing snow to attend the business meeting and to hear the three guest speakers.

Reports were given on the summer field projects conducted by the Association. Areas of discussion included mixed grain and forage yield comparisons, liming, alfalfa weevil control, corn population studies, maple arrow

soybeans, blackbird problems, and a new weed called Valvetleaf. Four new directors were named to the board for 1978. They are Aimer Maurice and George Stott from Tiny Township, Richard Anderson from Medonte and Henry

VanderWeilen from Vespra. A resolution was passed requesting Farm Machinery Legislation in Ontario and a committee was named to select North Simcoe delegates to the O.S.C.I.A. Annual Meeting being held on

February 1 and 2. The guest speakers from Toronto and Guelph dealt with the timely topics of Ontario's Corn and Beef Stabilization Programs, and the problem of soil erosion on the larger farms in the Province.

## Old age pension increases in '78

Old age pensioners in the Midland area can look forward to a nice Christmas present from the federal government. As of January 1, 1978, there will be increases in the Old Age Security pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance. The announcement came from Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin.

The new monthly total at the single rate for persons receiving both the basic Old Age Security pension and the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will be \$261.06. For married couples, who are both pensioners, the combination of the basic pension and the maximum supplement will provide a payment of \$498.00 monthly. The basic Old Age Security will rise in January to \$153.44 from \$150.43. For single persons or a married person whose spouse is not a pensioner, the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will go up to \$107.62, providing the person is not receiving a Spouse's Allowance. For married couples, who are both pensioners, the maximum supplement will increase to \$95.56 each. Added to the basic pension, this will give each married couple

\$498.00 monthly between them. The maximum Spouse's Allowance will increase to \$249.00 from \$244.12. The maximum Spouse's Allowance is made up of an amount equivalent to the basic Old Age Security pension and the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement at the married rate. The increases are based on the increase in the cost of living, as provided in the Old Age Security Act.

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## THE ASSESSMENT ACT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS

As a result of a delay in the passage of recent amendments to The Assessment Act, the normal return of the assessment rolls in municipalities and localities in Ontario will be delayed.

The Honourable Margaret Scrivener, Minister of Revenue, has therefore extended to January 19, 1978, the date upon which the annual assessment roll is returned in all municipalities and localities in Ontario, EXCEPT those municipalities located in The Regional Municipality of Waterloo where the day upon which the assessment roll is returned will be extended to March 16, 1978.

This extension affects the time period during which owners and tenants may appeal their assessments. As a result, the final date for lodging a complaint with the Assessment Review Court in respect of any assessment contained in the assessment rolls is extended from January 19, 1978 to February 9, 1978. In the Regional Municipality of Waterloo the date for lodging a complaint has been extended to April 7, 1978.

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## "Is it true I'd now have to work longer to collect Unemployment Insurance?"

Yes. Parliament has decided that the qualification time should be longer everywhere, and that people who live in areas of high unemployment should be given certain advantages over those who live in areas where jobs are more plentiful. Which means that you now need more insurable work weeks to qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

**"I can see why. But just how long would I have to work to be eligible?"**

From 10 to 14 weeks, depending on where you live. In regions of low unemployment, claimants need up to 14 weeks of insurable employment to get UI benefits. This will only happen in places where it's easier to get and keep a job. In regions of high unemployment, claimants now need as little as 10 weeks to qualify.

**"Does this mean I'd get less or that the payments wouldn't last as long?"**

No change in payment amounts. The UI benefit rate stays at two-thirds of your average weekly insurable earnings. The maximum is \$147, less tax. The maximum time for which anyone may receive benefits has changed slightly, however. The old maximum was 51 weeks. Now it's 50 weeks. But since September 11, the total number of weeks for which a claimant qualifies has more closely reflected the unemployment rate in his or her region. Right now, we measure unemployment by dividing Canada into 16 economic regions.



Later in 1978, we will fine-tune the program to 54 regions so that UI will be even more closely related to local labour market conditions.

**"What else is changing about UI?"**

Not much. The basic two week waiting period remains the same everywhere. And so do the rules on the waiting period when a claimant has left his or her job for no good reason or been fired for misconduct. In such cases, a claimant may have to wait up to eight weeks from when employment ends until benefits start. Then there's maternity, sickness and age 65 benefits. Previously, sickness benefits were only payable during the first 39 weeks of the claim. Now they're payable at any time during the entire benefit period.

Maternity benefits of 15 weeks and the special one-time benefit (equal to three weeks' benefits) at age 65 remain the same. The same people still pay for the program in the same proportions, and the types of employment insurable for UI remain the same, too.

**"Would I still go to the same UI office to claim?"**

As explained in the box below, you still go to the familiar locations for both UI offices and Canada Manpower Centres. Watch for changes in your area. Unemployment Insurance has changed for everyone's benefit, including yours. All we ask is that you remember your obligations as well as your rights. If the need should ever arise for you to come to us, we'll make sure you get all the UI benefits to which you are entitled by law. But you must keep up the search for a new job all the time you're getting those benefits.

*The Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Department of Manpower and Immigration have become the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. For a time, you'll still see our local offices identified as Unemployment Insurance offices or Canada Manpower Centres. When they're together in one location, they'll be called Canada Employment Centres.*

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